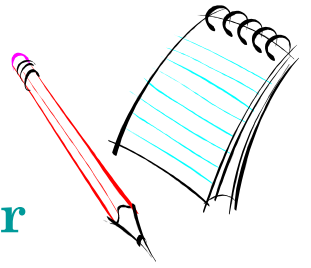




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The Bee of the World

Sadie, Maddie, and Sophia

On the day of January 10, 2008, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders tested all their social studies knowledge in a challenge of their wits. Actually, it was just the annual Geography Bee. For two days, Mrs. Buckner questioned each person to see if they would be one of the two representatives from their class. The Bee took place in the school gym and all the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders were able to attend and root on their friends. The participants were Lexi, Gretchen, Clay, K.J., Nicholas, Shelby, Clayton, Annaliese, Makayla, Jacob, Abby, and the winner, Joo-Young. Joo-Young will take a difficult written test to determine if she will go on to the state bee.

Mrs. Buckner said, "I think the students did great. They were nervous but I was very proud."

We asked the winner, Joo-Young what she thought about winning.

She answered, "I didn't think I would win."

We also asked the third place winner, Jacob what he thought of the Geography Bee.

He proudly said, "I was glad I was in it and I think I did well."

We asked Nicolas how he felt about getting in the bee.

He replied, "Happy, but once I got there I didn't want to do it anymore. "



Photos are of some of the participants and the top two finalists in the St. John Geography Bee.

Photographs by Jack R.



St. John School Spelling Bee



Victoria, Maddie, and Ryal

On Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 1:30 pm, the St. John School annual Spelling Bee took place in the St. John School gymnasium. Each of the 6 classes had 5 representatives for a grand total of 30 participants. They were: Sadie, Ryal, Jose', Andrew, Sierra, Fred, Phoebe, Mary, Hannah, Addison, James, Marlee, Danielle, Sophia, Joo-Young, Gretchen, Gabriella, Allison, Tommy, Spencer, Grace, Annaliese, Isabella, Nicolasa, Jakob, Isabelle, and Solomon. The three judges were Mrs. Stauff, Mrs. Broadwell, and Ms. Domann. The importance of the spelling bee was to challenge a speller's spelling abilities with the pressure of an audience and judges. The spellers were narrowed down by misspelling a word. If they got their word right, then they were still in. The bee narrowed down to Joo-Young and Solomon. There was added pressure and harder words to spell as the two spellers were challenged. For 10 long, hard, exciting minutes, the battlers battled. Joo-Young was victorious, and Solomon was runner up. Congratulations to all the participants!



Some of the participants and the top two finalists in the St. John Spelling Bee.

Photographs by Jack P.



NO MORE BULLYING!

Shelby, Marlee and Courtney

St. John Catholic School now has an anti-bullying program. After Christmas break we started building a brick wall with our names on the bricks. It was a symbol to show we were ready to get rid of bullying. We called this program "All are Welcome". The teachers wore bright yellow shirts that had our school symbol on them. They said all are welcome. The teachers put together a skit to show how rude bullying is. They had different characters that were bullies and had three realistic people that were bullies.

We have class meetings once a week to discuss bullying issues. Everyone sits in a circle and they talk about bullying and their experiences. The teachers have rules and they are:

We will not bully others.

We will try to play with others who are easily left out.

If we see someone being bullied we will tell a teacher or a parent at home.

We will try to help students that are being bullied.

"The students are more aware of what bullying means. They really want to help", said Mrs. McDonald.



Photographs by Staff





HOORAY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

Morgan, Sadie, Maddie

From January 26th to February 1st Saint John Catholic School celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The week was full of fun events. It kicked off with a Saturday night mass by the students followed by a barbeque catered by Kansas Katering and Bingo. Once the line finally narrowed down, Ethan's mother started the calling for the Bingo. If lucky enough, parish members of all ages could pick from the millions of prizes. The prizes varied from Mickey Mouse banks for the little kids to bottles of wine for the adults. "I was so proud of the students. The bingo was so fun, and the food was delicious," said Mrs. Newton

During the week the students participated in a school cleaning day, Crazy Hair Day, Kansas Day, Open House Night, and Game Day. Almost all of the kids thought of very creative new hairstyles to wear on that one special Tuesday.

"The teachers wanted the kids to have a fun day so they came up with the idea of Crazy Hair Day," said Mrs. Newton. After eating lunch on the last day of the week, all of downstairs and upstairs kids traveled to different teachers with different games. There were lots of laughs and smiles on game day. They finished the day with pizza and pop. The kids looked forward to game day so much, and it was a big hit. Catholic Schools Week was a blast!





OUR DAY IN THE CITY!

Marlee, Abby, and Andrew

Every year 5th and 6th graders make the journey to Exchange City. In preparation for Exchange City, we learned about economics and writing checks. We also had elections for Exchange City judge and mayor. Thirteen students ran for mayor and nine ran for judge. 6th graders, Phoebe and Colleen won the elections. The last step in the training was writing job applications and having job interviews. Many parents interviewed us, and they did a great job. The field trip to Exchange City was arranged for December 11, 2007, but we had to reschedule it for January 22, 2008 because of a snow day.

When the day finally came for us to go to Exchange City, the excited fifth and sixth graders loaded on the bus.

When we arrived in Exchange City, the 5th and 6th graders settled into their shops. We had a city meeting, and Phoebe and Colleen gave a speech to the citizens of Exchange City. Mayor Colleen officially opened the city by pulling down a lever that turned on all the city lights! Every citizen was allowed three breaks, and got two paychecks. There was a red break, a blue break, and a green break. Some of the things citizens could do on break were go shopping at the International Bazaar or at the Sports Shop. They could buy a snack at the Corner Café as well. Citizens could also vote or participate in the dancing contest held by the ECLX Radio Station.

Just like a real city, there were laws you had to obey, and if you didn't, the police officers would fine you for it. Some of the laws included, "No walking on the grass", "You must do the DJ when passing by the radio station", and many more laws.

Everyone enjoyed our amazing day at Exchange City, and the 5th graders are excited to visit it again next year. Most students agree it was the best field trip ever. Kudos to Exchange City!



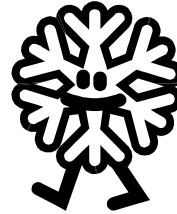
Photographs by Tommy and Bayley



SWOOSH!!!!

Ashton, Amanda, Alyssa, Colleen, and Lexi

On January 15, 2008 the sixth grade classes Varig and Lufty went on a field trip to Snow Creek. While they were there the beginners took Ski School and the experienced sixth graders had an all slope ticket. The kids rented boots and skis. We asked Phoebe how many times she fell. She responded, "Like two." We also asked her what the all slope ticket was like. She said that it was fun because you could go on all of the slopes- easy or hard.

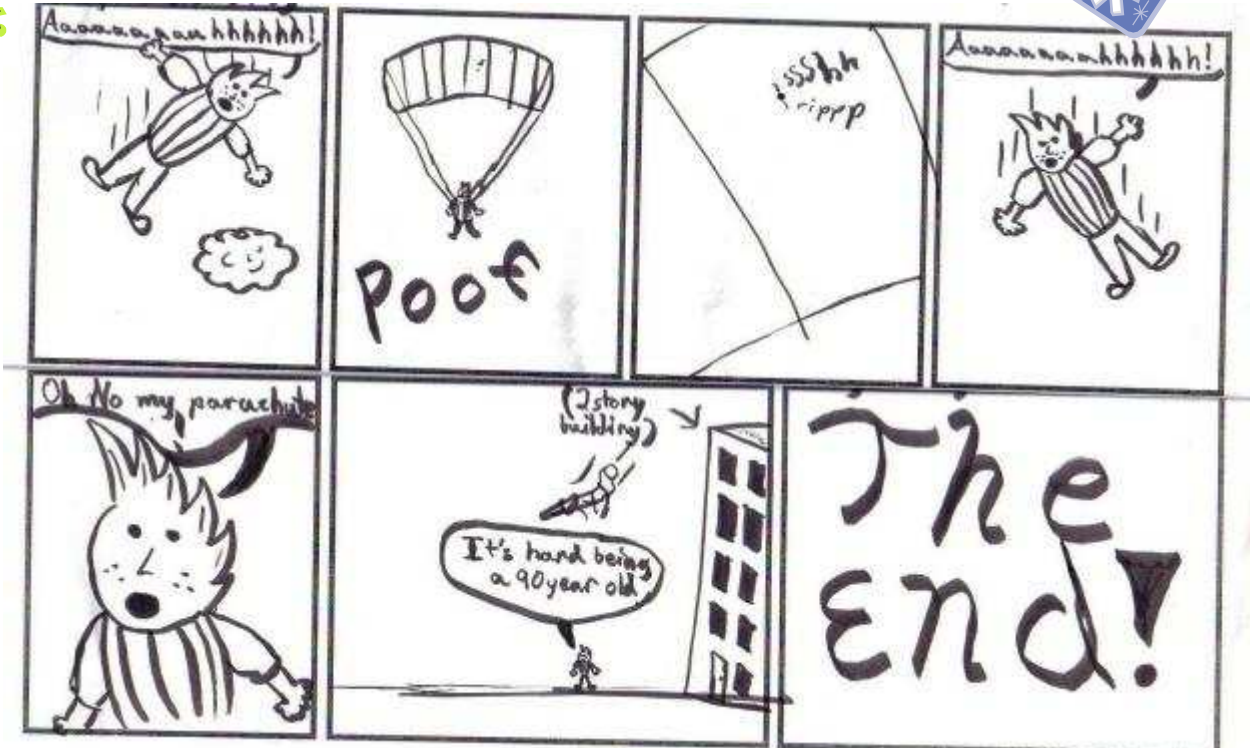


When we got there, they were making snow for the slopes and mountains. The beginners had a better experience after lunch. At the end of the day we kept on falling. We had a great time!

Photographs by Staff



The 90 Year Old Baby
by Clayton





MASTERPIECES

Jessica, and Jennifer

Every year a visiting artist comes to St. John Catholic School. This year it was Ms. Wilkins! Every grade gets to make a masterpiece with her showing how other artists made/painted their masterpieces!

Kindergarten created random paintings, First grade was inspired by Picasso, Second grade created self-portraits using oil pastels, Third grade created flowers using oil pastels, Fourth grade created masterpieces using black and other colors of paint, Fifth grade created fruit bowls using oil pastels, and Sixth grade carved stamps out of a rubber like material.

Truly, the students created a school full of outstanding art.



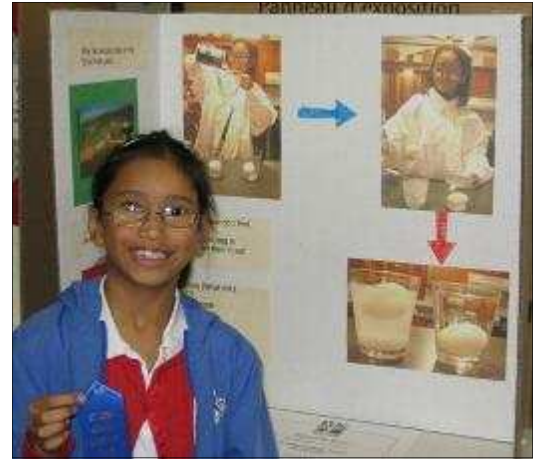
Science Fair 2008



Sophia's lovable lip balm experiment



Hannah smiles about her experiment on smiles!



Hannah, the blue ribbon scientist.



Kennedy admiring her red ribbons.



Nathan showing his display to his family.



Davis showing off his first place ribbon.



Simon reviewing a competitor's display.



Crosby handing out free samples of Sleepy Jean's caramels.



Brady questioned which breakfast cereal tastes best.

Ice burner

By Fred

Calendar Reminders:



Feb. 18—22: Book Fair in the downstairs hallway.

Feb. 20, 21, and 22: No School: Parent/Teacher conferences

Feb. 22, 29, March 7, 14: Lenten Dinners in church social hall

March 21: Lenten Dinner: Carry Out only

March 14—March 23: No School: Spring Break

March 24: Classes resume



Swingin' Love

By Caitlin

